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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Screening Centers, Maternal Health Centers, Home Health Agencies Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: New Q-codes supersede CPT 90658 for Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2011

Consistent with Medicare changes, Medicaid has established separate billing codes ("Q-codes") for each brand-name influenza vaccine product previously billed under Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) code 90658.

Previous code: *(effective through service dates 04/30/2011)*

90658 **Influenza virus vaccine**, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, intramuscular use.

Use one of these new codes: *(all are effective beginning on service dates 01/01/2011)*

Q2035 **Afluria:** Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use.

Q2036 **Flulaval:** Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use.

Q2037 **Fluvirin:** Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use.

Q2038 **Fluzone:** Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age or older, for intramuscular use.

Q2039 **Other:** Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified).

The IME system programming for this change to the Q-codes was initially set as effective 01/01/2011, but we did not announce to all providers that 90658 would no longer be valid. To correct this, all of these codes will be open (valid) from 01/01/2011 through 04/30/2011. Providers should bill with one or the other. Claims submitted with the 90658 for dates of service after 01/01/2011 that IME denied as invalid will be resubmitted automatically by the IME and should be adjudicated for the 04/04/2011 pay cycle. After 04/30/2011 only the Q-codes will be valid and should be used.

Billing for children (VFC): providers must be enrolled through the Iowa Department of Public Health with the Vaccinations for Children (VFC) Program to receive payment for the administration of these vaccines for Medicaid Members age 18 and under. Details on the VFC program are available at http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/vaccines_for_children.asp (note: Q2036 is NOT covered under the VFC program).

Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) should also follow this instruction and use the appropriate codes on the detail lines submitted after the encounter code line (which is always on the first claim line: see Informational Letters 879 and 796).

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or locally (in Des Moines) at 256-4609, or e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.